AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

*Please replace the paragraph **[0012]** of the specification as filed with the following amended paragraph:*

[0012] The invention will be described below with reference to preferred embodiments and to the attached drawings, in which:

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of an absorbent article in the form of a diaper, in which the present invention can be used,

Figure 2 shows a diagrammatic and somewhat simplified top view of the diaper according to Figure 1,

Figure 3 shows a slightly enlarged perspective view of the rear part of the diaper according to Figures 1 and 2, and

Figure 4 shows a partial cross-sectional view of the side barrier, when it is secured in contact with the front portion, the side barrier and the top sheet defining a folded structure of substantially Z-shaped cross section according to Figures 1-3.

*Please replace the paragraph **[0020]** of the specification as filed with the following amended paragraph:*

[0020] The first side barrier 8 is provided with a first elastic element 10 and a second elastic element 11. The first elastic element 10 preferably consists of an elastic thread which is secured near the edge of the first side barrier 8 and runs between two attachment points 10a, 10b ~~on~~ near the front edge 12 and near the rear edge 13, respectively, of the diaper 1. The second elastic element 11 also preferably consists of an elastic thread which extends between the first elastic element 10 and

the bottom edge of the side barriers 8 and runs between two attachment points 11a, 11b ~~on~~ near the front edge 12 and near the rear edge 13, respectively of the diaper 1. The two elastic elements 10, 11 are preferably attached at points along the first side barrier 8. However, the invention can also be realized without such attachment, i.e. such that the elastic elements 10, 11 can instead be allowed to run freely along the first side barrier 8.

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[0021] Correspondingly, the second side barrier 9 is provided with a third elastic element 14 and a fourth elastic element 15. The third elastic element 14 preferably consists of an elastic thread which is arranged near the edge of the second side barrier 9 and runs between two attachment points 14a, 14b ~~on~~ near the front edge 12 and near the rear edge 13, respectively, of the diaper 1. The fourth elastic element 15 also preferably consists of an elastic thread which extends between the third elastic element 14 and the bottom edge of the second side barrier 9 and runs between two attachment points 15a, 15b ~~on~~ near the front edge 12 and near the rear edge 13, respectively, of the diaper 1. In a manner analogous to what has been described above, the third and fourth elastic elements 14, 15 are also preferably attached at points along the second side barrier 9, but alternatively they can also be allowed to run freely along the second side barrier 9. The attachments of the elastic elements 10, 11, 14, 15 are preferably made by adhesive bonding, alternatively by ultrasonic welding. Such attachment methods are already known per se and are therefore not described in detail here.

*Please replace the paragraph **[0022]** of the specification as filed with the following amended paragraph:*

[0022] The two side barriers 8, 9 are secured to the top sheet 2 in a suitable manner, e.g., by ultrasonic welding or adhesive bonding. In this way, a first ~~longitudinal fold~~line of attachment 8a is formed where the first side barrier 8 meets the top sheet 2, and a second ~~longitudinal fold~~ line of attachment 9a is formed where the second side barrier 9 meets the top sheet 2.

*Please replace the paragraph **[0032]** of the specification as filed with the following amended paragraph:*

[0032] As can be seen from FIGS. 1 and 2, the rear part of each side barrier 8, 9 is designed so that it forms an outwardly folded and essentially open, cup-shaped structure by virtue of the fact that the first elastic element 10 is attached to the rear of the diaper 1 at a point 10b which, viewed from above, lies outside the attachment point 11b for the second elastic element 11 and the first ~~longitudinal fold~~ line of attachment 8a. Correspondingly, the attachment point 14b for the third elastic element 14 lies outside the attachment point 15b for the fourth elastic element 15 and outside the second ~~longitudinal fold~~ line of attachment 9a. In this way, the side barriers 8, 9 will lift effectively and form a cup-like structure during use. This is facilitated by the fact that the respective side barrier 8, 9 additionally comprises two longitudinal elastic elements each (10, 11 and 14, 15, respectively). The narrowing geometry in the forward direction defined by the side barriers 8, 9 and the elastic elements 10, 11, 14, 15, and the Z-shaped attachment at the front, also contribute to stretching and lifting the side barriers 8, 9.

*Please replace the paragraph **[0035]** of the specification as filed with the following amended paragraph:*

[0035] FIG. 3 shows a perspective view of the rear part of the diaper 1 according to FIGS. 1 and 2. More precisely, FIG. 3 shows in detail how the rear part of the second side barrier 9 is attached in the rear part of the diaper 1. This attachment allows the side barrier 9 to be folded out so that a cup-shaped structure is formed. This is achieved by the fact that the third elastic element 14 runs along the edge of the second side barrier 9 and onwards under the rear barrier 16 to its rear attachment point 14b. This rear attachment point 14b is thus situated inside the second side barrier 9, which in turn extends under the rear barrier 16. The fourth elastic element 15 also runs along the second side barrier 9 and onwards under the rear barrier 16 to its rear attachment point 15b. The second ~~longitudinal fold~~ line of attachment 9a then runs along the distance where the second side barrier 9 meets the top sheet 2 and ends under the rear barrier 16. The fifth elastic element 17 runs across the rear section of the second side barrier 16 so that a rear pocket is formed, the fifth elastic element 17 having one attachment point 17b outside the third elastic element 14 and the fourth elastic element 15 (viewed from above).